**Global Studies Honors Term Paper**

**Purpose of Term Paper according to Professor Richards**: The paper and research is designed to enable you, the student, to develop familiarity with an historical subject area and the expertise to determine to what extent a specific global event affected its contemporaries and evaluate its 21st century significance. Keep in mind that you are not summarizing an historical time period. Your paper is not a narrative. Instead, you are writing an antithesis to a narrative by providing precise insight and analytical research to support an answer to a question—your thesis. Staying focused and writing with precision will ensure that your thoughts and conclusions regarding the historical period itself will flow naturally from your paper.

**McFadden’s Purpose/Hopes:**

* Gain experience in collaborating on written assignments
* Enjoy this experience by selecting a topic that is interesting and meaningful to us
* Sharpen our research skills
* Become better readers & writers

**Topics that you may want to choose from:**

* The development/influence of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
* The religious traditions of the East (Buddhism, Daoism, Shinto, etc.).
* The impact that physical features have on a region’s historical development.
* The political, economic, and social changes that have occurred in different regions of the world.
* The growth and importance of regional trade at different times in history.
* The significance of the Scientific Revolution and the Industrial Revolution.
* Cultural beliefs of individuals, organizations, groups, and cultures.
* The origins of and basis for the concepts of liberty, individual freedom, private property, rights, and representative government (Thomas Hobbes/John Locke).
* History as element of change.
* Ideological differences around the world.
* The impact of political, economic, and social revolutions on Western civilization.
* The rise of the nation state; national identity—India, China, Eastern and Western Europe.
* The transition from modern society to a post—modern society.
* The Cold War’s impact on Western and Eastern Europe.
* Creation of a Jewish nation—state in the Middle East.
* The role and impact of the superpower in a post—9/11 world.
* Globalization’s impact on third world countries.
* Current events and their effect on the world.

**Topic: Any issue that impacts the world**

**Let’s Begin**

Note: The paper isn’t going to just be something you write quickly during the 4th marking period, but rather a “masterpiece” that is the result of continual work and revision during this academic year. Work on the term paper will be a collaborative effort and I expect individuals to contribute equally to the final product. Later, we will discuss how grading will be handled since the paper is no longer an individual assignment.

* Partner?
* Potential topic? Remember, a thesis must contain an argument and not simply be a narrative of a historical or current event.
* Questions we hope to answer in our work?
* What have we found on **Power Library**?
* How will the paper be organized? What will be the section titles?

Since some of you are more concerned about citations than determining topics and arguments, you may read about MLA and APA at the following site: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

The website will be useful in other areas as well.

Timeline/Expectations

First Marking Period (150 Points) Due Monday October 26, 2009

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* Meet with Mr. McFadden and thesis is approved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 15 Sources (primary, secondary, web-journal, newspaper, web)
* Outline of your paper (typed)
* Introduction (Remember ONE paragraph = at least FIVE sentences)
* MLA or APA (Circle One)

Second Marking Period (225 Points) Due Friday January 8, 2010

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* 25 sources (Either MLA 7 or American Psychology Association)
* Annotated Bibliography – 15 Sources
* Revised Outline including bibliography

Third Marking Period (300 Points) Due Monday March 15, 2010

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* Revised Introduction
* Body (the gist of your paper)—7 pages
* Conclusion
* Highlight, in color, the sentence of key importance in each paragraph
* Peer Edit(s)

Fourth Marking Period (500 Points) Due Monday May 24, 2010

* Title Page

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* MLA 7: Executive Summary (1 Page Single Spaced) or APA: Abstract
* Body (9 pages minimum maximum10 pages in length)
* Citations including Annotated Bibliography = 4+ pages